

Greeks in City Cheer Athens? Resolve to Fight

Scores Seeking to Enlist; War Helps Campaign for Relief and Defense Fund

The offices of Greek newspapers in New York and the Greek Consulate, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, were swamped with calls yesterday as Greeks and Greek-Americans, fired with pride and optimism, sought news of developments in the Italian invasion of Greece.

Scores of young men visited the consulate to express readiness to go to Greece to aid in the fight. All were told that there was no means of transporting them there. Only Greek citizens, some of them long resident in New York's Greek colony, were allowed to register for possible service.

The invasion gave new impetus to a drive for funds for the Greek Red Cross which has been conducted by Greek newspapers throughout the country. Indications were that with the long-expected invasion a reality, at least three-fourths of the 75,000 Greeks and Greek-Americans in New York would contribute in some measure to the Red Cross fund and to an emergency defense fund for the purchase of military equipment. Already yesterday men and women of all ages, some now naturalized Americans and others still owing allegiance to Greece, went to the offices of "The Atlantis," Greek afternoon paper, at 203 West Twenty-fifth Street, and of "The National Herald," morning daily, at 140 West Twenty-sixth Street, to offer contributions. Most of them were told to send contributions to the Greek Legation, in Washington.

In the centers of Greek population, from Twenty-third to Forty-second Streets west of Sixth Avenue and from 168th to 175th Streets near Wadsworth Avenue, Greek-speaking persons congregated in little groups in social clubs and restaurants to discuss the invasion. They spoke with pride of their mother country's decision to fight rather than submit, and many were particularly proud that Greece was now fighting beside the English.

Plans were under way for a mass meeting tonight at the Greek Cathedral, 393 East Seventy-second Street, to discuss means of aiding Greece. Whether the meeting would be held was still uncertain last night because of sentiment against any action which might identify the participants as hyphenated Americans.

S. S. Lontos, publisher of "The At-

Japanese Wondering If Greece Is an Enemy

TOKIO, Oct. 28 (AP).—Official Japanese circles were gravely concerned today over Japan's relations with Greece, inasmuch as a literal interpretation of the three-power treaty would make the two countries enemies following hostilities between the Balkan country and Italy.

However, the authoritative news agency Domei said: "Interpretation of the pact should be considered from a practical political standpoint, not in the strict literal sense."

lantis," said that any aid by Greeks in the United States must be given by individuals and that there must be no united action here.

"We are American citizens here," he said, "We have no leaders. Our leaders are the American leaders. When we speak of the native country, we speak as a son speaks of his mother. We are mighty proud of course, that Greece has joined the common cause of the English-speaking people," Mr. Lontos said.

Basil Viavianos, publisher of "The National Herald," said he hoped that the action of Greece would encourage other small European countries to fight rather than submit to Axis demands.

Aristotle Nyad, a native of Athens who has been in New York for five months, was eager yesterday for an opportunity to return to Greece to fight. A lieutenant in the Greek air force reserve, he has had 150 solo hours in the air and wants to oppose Italian airmen. It appeared, though, that he would have to remain here unless he found some means of getting to England and thence to Greece.

Mr. Nyad, a man in his middle twenties, said that Greece had 600 warplanes of all types but that only 200 of them were comparable to the latest Italian fighters and bombers. The Greek air force, he said, had been trained by English officers and what it lacked in numbers and equipment was made up in training and courage.

When he left Greece for a visit in this country, Mr. Nyad said, his country had equipment sufficient to supply an army of 500,000 and had a navy of fourteen good destroyers, six submarines, nine torpedo boats and a number of small motorboats.

Bahamas Greeks Loyal
NASSAU, the Bahamas, Oct. 28 (CP).—The Greek community of the Bahamas cabled today allegiance to the Greek Crown and a pledge of support in the war with Fascist Italy.

Italian Colony Here Excited by Blow at Greece

Diplomats in City Silent, but Workers Rush to Get News of War in Balkans

Italy's attack on Greece aroused excitement in the Italian circles of New York yesterday, but brought no Italian government comments from officials here. Prince Ascanio Colonna, Italian Ambassador to the United States, who attended funeral services in the morning for Admiral Giuseppe Cantu, Italian Commissioner General to the New York World's Fair, left New York immediately after the funeral without making a statement. The Italian Consulate, 626 Fifth Avenue, and all Italian government offices were closed as Italy celebrated the eightieth anniversary of the Fascist march on Rome. Commendatore Gaetano Vecchiotti, Italian Consul General, reached at his apartment at Essex House, 160 Central Park South, said that all political comments on the European situation should come from the Embassy in Washington.

The Italian colony in New York, estimated by the last census to include 1,000,000 persons of Italian descent, followed with keen interest the dispatches from Italy and the Balkans.

Newspaper stands did a brisk business throughout the day at Canal and Centre Streets and Lafayette and Mulberry Streets. "We have been selling papers like hot cakes," one vendor said. "They are all Italians around here, and they see those big headlines about the war in the home country. Many have their folks there."

Balk at Giving Names
Peddlers, butchers and grocers in Mulberry Street discussed readily the war in Europe but were terrified if asked to give their names or addresses. "What do you want this for?" some of them asked. "They will say that we are the 'quinta colonna' (fifth column)."

An apple vendor, Mario Russo, illustrated the reaction to the extension of the war in the Mediterranean.

"How will all this end?" he asked. "I don't mind if they fight over there in Europe, if only America could stay out of the war. But they say more and more every day that America will go to war and then the Italians here will have to fight the Italians in Italy."

An Italian butcher at 77 Mulberry

Street had a simple explanation of Italy's invasion of Greece. Italy had to do it, he said, because the British had occupied Greek ports and islands. It was all the fault of the British, he believed. A woman of Sicilian extraction, Ada Ruffini, who works in a grocery store in Second Avenue, was worried by what might happen to her son, Luigi, twenty-three years old, if war spread to the United States.

Three Blocs Described
The general feeling in the Italian colony seemed to be one of solidarity with this country rather than with the European homeland. Allegiances were split in some cases, but on the whole the Italians living in New York stressed the point that they already were, or soon would be, American citizens.

The colony's attitude toward events in Europe was described as "three-fold" at the offices of "Il Progresso Italo-Americano," 42 Elm Street, the leading Italian newspaper in New York. A fraction of the Italian colony here is anti-Fascist, it was said, and wanted to see the defeat of the Axis.

Another part is Fascist and believes that Premier Benito Mussolini knows what is best for Italy. But by far the greatest part of the Italo-Americans have adopted this country as their own. They are more concerned today by the coming elections than by the extension of the war to the Balkans. The entry of Italy into the war, it was explained, came as a blow. The attack on Greece was expected by all who had followed recent events. It was added, that some Italians who still had ties with the home country could not help favoring Italy rather than England. But for them it is more a question of the well-being of their families in Italy than of international politics.

Fear 140 Canadians Lost As Crash Sinks Destroyer

Warship Hits Merchant Craft in North Atlantic

OTTAWA, Oct. 28 (AP).—One hundred and forty members of the crew of 171 of the Canadian destroyer Margaree were believed lost, naval service headquarters announced today, when the warship collided with a merchant vessel and sank in the darkness last Tuesday in the north Atlantic.

The accident cuts the Canadian destroyer total to twelve.

The merchant vessel was reported carrying the thirty-one survivors to port.

The Margaree, built in 1932, was commanded by Comdr. Joseph W. R. Roy, of Ottawa, who was among those lost.

Among the casualties was Signaller James Marj Henderson, whose mother, Mrs. Irish Henderson, lives in Washington.

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